In the Claims:

Please substitute the pending claims with the claims below:

Claim 1 (currently amended):   An apparatus for retrieving information from a site on a network, said apparatus comprising:

~~a storage device having prestored therein various information about predetermined one or more sites and search information for calling up the sites;~~

a display device;

an operator unit; and

a processor device coupled with ~~said storage device,~~ a removably-attachable external storage medium, said display device and said operator unit, said removably-attachable external storage medium having prestored therein: one or more items of first display information each for displaying an emulation screen imitating a screen of any one of one or more predetermined music piece data selling sites on the network and displaying a list of music piece data sets offered for sale by the selling sites; and search information for calling up any one of the sites, said processor device being adapted to:

read out ~~the~~ a particular one of the items of said first display information stored in said external storage medium ~~storage device~~;

cause the emulation screen, described by the read-out first display information, to be displayed on said display device;

~~transmit,~~ when a ~~predetermined~~ desired item of information is selected from ~~among the information~~ the emulation screen displayed on said display device in response to an operation of

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said operator unit, transmit the search information corresponding to the selected item of information to the network; and

receive, information supplied from a particular one of the selling sites corresponding to the transmitted search information, via the network, second display information for displaying a screen of the particular selling site; and in response to the transmitted search information

cause the screen of the particular selling site to be displayed on said display device on the basis of the received second display information.

Claim 2-3 (canceled)

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Claim 4 (currently amended): A method for retrieving information from a site on a network, said method comprising:

~~a step of~~ distributing in advance, to a client, a <u>removably-attachable external</u> storage medium having prestored therein<u>:</u> ~~various information about predetermined one or more sites and search information for calling up the sites;~~ <u>one or more items of first display information each for displaying an emulation screen imitating a screen of any one of one or more predetermined music-piece-data selling sites on the network and displaying a list of music piece data sets offered for sale by the selling sites; and search information for calling up any one of the sites,</u>

~~a step of~~ reading out ~~stored information from said storage medium distributed to the client and~~ <u>a desired one of the items of said first display information stored in said external storage medium;</u>

causing <u>the emulation screen, described by the read-out first display information,</u> ~~the read-out stored information~~ to be displayed on a display device;

~~a step of causing a user to select an~~ <u>receiving a selection of a desired</u> item of information from <u>the emulation screen</u> ~~among the information~~ displayed on said display device;

~~a step of, when a predetermined item of information is selected,~~ transmitting the search information corresponding to the selected <u>desired</u> item of information to the network; ~~and~~

~~a step of~~ receiving<u>,</u> ~~information supplied~~ from a particular one of the <u>selling</u> sites <u>corresponding to the transmitted search information,</u> ~~via the network in response to the transmitted search information~~ <u>second display information for displaying a screen of the particular selling site; and</u>

<u>causing the screen of the particular selling site to be displayed on said display device on the basis of the received second display information.</u>

Claim 5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (currently amended):   A computer program comprising a group of instructions for causing a computer of a client apparatus to perform a method for retrieving information from a site on a network, said computer operatively coupling with a removably-attachable external storage medium having prestored therein: one or more items of first display information each for displaying an emulation screen imitating a screen of any one of one or more predetermined music-piece-data selling sites on the network and displaying a list of music piece data sets offered for sale by the selling sites; and search information for calling up any one of the sites, said method comprising the steps of:

reading out stored information from a desired one of the items of said first display information stored in said external storage medium having prestored therein various information about predetermined one or more sites and search information for calling up the sites and causing the read out stored information to be displayed on a display device, without accessing the network;

causing the emulation screen, described by the read-out first display information, to be displayed on a display device;

causing a user to select an receiving selection of a desired item of information from among the information the emulation screen displayed on said display device;

transmitting, when a predetermined desired item of information is selected, the search information corresponding to the selected item of information to the network; and

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receiving, ~~information supplied~~ from a particular one of the <u>selling</u> sites <u>corresponding to</u> <u>the transmitted search information,</u> ~~via the network in response to the transmitted search~~ ~~information~~ <u>second display information for displaying a screen of the particular selling site; and</u>

<u>causing the screen of the particular selling site to be displayed on said display device on</u> <u>the basis of the received second display information</u>.

Claims 7-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (currently amended):   ~~A machine-readable~~ <u>An external</u> storage medium <u>readable</u> <u>by an apparatus</u> containing a group of instructions to <u>be executed by said apparatus, said external</u> <u>storage medium being removably attached to said apparatus, said external storage medium</u> <u>having prestored therein: one or more items of first display information each for displaying an</u> <u>emulation screen imitating a screen of any one of one or more predetermined music-piece-data</u> <u>selling sites on a network and displaying a list of music piece data sets offered for sale by the</u> <u>selling sites; and search information for calling up any one of the sites, said instructions</u> <u>comprising:</u>

~~cause said machine to perform a method for retrieving information from a site on a~~ ~~network, said method comprising the steps of:~~

reading out <u>a desired one of the items of first display information from said external</u> <u>storage medium</u> ~~stored information from a memory having prestored therein various information~~ ~~about predetermined one or more sites and search information for calling up the sites and causing~~ ~~the read-out stored information to be displayed on a display device, without accessing the~~ ~~network;~~

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causing ~~a user to select an item of information from among the information~~ the emulation

screen, described by the read-out firs information, to be displayed on said display device;

~~transmitting,~~ when a ~~predetermined~~ desired item of information is selected from the

emulation screen displayed on said display device in response to an operation of an operator unit,

transmitting the search information corresponding to the selected item of information to the

network; ~~and~~

receiving ~~information supplied~~ from a particular one of the selling sites corresponding to

the transmitted search information ~~via the network,~~ second display information for displaying a

screen of the particular selling site; and ~~in response to the transmitted search information~~

causing the screen of the particular selling site to be displayed on said display device on

the basis of the received second display information.

Claim 10-11 (canceled)

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Claim 12 (currently amended): ~~A machine-readable~~ An external storage medium removably attached to, and readable by, an apparatus, said external storage device having prestored therein: one or more items of display information each for displaying an emulation screen imitating a screen of any one of one or more predetermined music-piece-data selling sites on a network and displaying a list of music piece data sets offered for sale by the selling sites; and search information for calling up any one of the sites,

wherein the display information and the search information are read out from said external storage medium when the apparatus reads the external storage medium to display the emulation screen.

~~containing program information for displaying a pseudo Web page and a group of data accompanying said program information, said program information and said group of data being read out from said storage medium when a method for displaying the pseudo Web page is performed by the machine,~~

~~wherein said program information comprises information for providing pseudo Web pages identical or similar to Web pages for one or more predetermined sites on a network, and~~

~~said group of data includes search information for calling up real Web pages from the predetermined sites.~~

13-21 (canceled)

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Claim 22 (currently amended): An information retrieval system for searching for information and delivering ~~the searched for~~ search information via a network, said information retrieval system comprising:

a server apparatus comprising:

a storage device storing therein information related to one or more predetermined music-piece-data selling sites ~~to be supplied in response to search information~~; and

a processor device coupled with said storage device and adapted to:

receive search information supplied via the network;

read out, from said storage device, information relating to the selling site that ~~corresponding~~ corresponds to the received search information, said information related to the selling site including display information for displaying a screen of the selling site; ~~and~~

output the read-out information to the network; and

a client apparatus comprising:

~~a memory storing therein information to be displayed in response to search information;~~

a display device;

an operator unit; and

a processor device coupled with a removably-attachable external storage medium ~~said memory~~, said display device and said operator unit, said external storage medium having prestored therein one or more items of display information each for displaying an emulation screen imitating a screen of each of the one or more predetermined music-piece-data sets offered for sale by the selling sites; and search information for calling up any one of the sites, said processor device being adapted to:

read out <u>a desired one of the items of display information from said external storage medium</u> ~~the information stored in said memory~~;

cause the <u>emulation screen, described by the</u> read-out <u>display</u> information, to be displayed on said display device;

~~transmit,~~ when a predetermined item of information is selected from <u>the emulation screen</u> ~~among the information~~ displayed on said display device in response to an operation of said operator unit, <u>transmit</u> the search information corresponding to the selected item of information to the network; ~~and~~

receive<u>, from the selling site corresponding to the transmitted search information, real display information for displaying the actual screen of the selling site; and</u> ~~information read out from said storage device of said server apparatus, via the network, in response to the transmitted search information~~

<u>cause the screen of the selling site to be displayed on said display device on the basis of the received real display information.</u>

Claim 23 (canceled)

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Claim 24 (currently amended):   An information retrieval system as claimed in claim 22 wherein said storage device of said server apparatus stores therein one or more items of <u>music piece data information</u> ~~the information to be supplied~~, and

wherein said processor device of said ~~client~~ <u>server</u> apparatus is further adapted to[:] <u>in response to selection of a music piece by an operation of the operator unit of said client apparatus, transmit to said client apparatus display music piece data for displaying selected music piece in its entirety, and</u>

<u>wherein said processor device of said client apparatus is further adapted to permit selection of partial music piece data, in response to operation of the operator unit, from among the displaying music piece data transmitted by said server apparatus; and</u>

~~select a portion of one item of information to be supplied, in response to an operation of said operator unit; and~~

obtain the selected <u>partial music piece data</u> ~~portion of one item of information to be supplied,~~ from said server apparatus via the network.

Claim 25 (canceled)

Claim 26 (currently amended): A ~~computer-readable~~ storage medium <u>readable by a</u> <u>client apparatus and</u> containing a file ~~to be used~~ <u>usable</u> by ~~a computer of a~~ <u>said</u> client <u>apparatus</u> ~~so that the client can~~ <u>to</u> receive<u>, via a network, display information representative of a profile</u> <u>screen of a desired music piece data set</u> ~~a desired item~~ from a server ~~via a network~~, said file including:

<u>list screen information for displaying a list of music piece data sets usable for a particular</u> <u>music apparatus, said list information being among all the music piece data sets stored in said</u> <u>server; and</u>

<u>address information for receiving, from said server, respective profile screens of the</u> <u>music piece data sets usable for the particular music apparatus</u>

~~a plurality of items of specifying information each specifying one of a limited plurality of~~ ~~items that are among all items capable of being supplied by said server; and~~

~~a plurality of items of display information each indicative of a display object that shows~~ ~~one of the limited plurality of items,~~

~~wherein each of the items of specifying information and display information is described~~ ~~in a link enabling format, and each of the items of specifying information and/or a visual~~ ~~presentation of the display object are linked with an address in said server.~~

Claim 27-30 (canceled)

Claim 31 (currently amended): A method for a user to access a server on a network to order a ~~product~~ music piece data set from the server, said server storing music piece data sets for use in musical instruments, said method comprising:

providing a storage medium storing therein list data, said list data including at least one list of music piece data sets stored in said server that are usable for a particular music apparatus and

address information for retrieving, from said server, profile display information corresponding to the music piece data sets included in said at least one list;

reading out the list information from said storage medium;

displaying the list of music piece data sets;

receiving a selection of a desired one of the music piece data sets displayed;

transmitting to the server the address information corresponding to the selected desired music piece data set;

receiving from the server display information representative of a profile screen corresponding to the selected music piece data set; and

displaying the profile screen of the selected music piece data set.

~~a first step of reading out a predetermined file by means of a computer of the user without accessing the network, said predetermined file including a plurality of items of specifying information each specifying one of a limited plurality of products that are among all products capable of being ordered from said server and a plurality of items of display information each indicative of a display object that shows one of the limited plurality of products, each of the items of specifying information and display information being described in a link-enabling format, each of the items of specifying information and/or a visual presentation of the display~~

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object being linked with an address of a screen for ordering a corresponding product from said server;

a second step of causing items of the specifying information and/or the display objects to be displayed on a display device, on the basis of the predetermined file read out by said first step;

a third step of allowing a selection of the items of specifying information and/or the display objects displayed on said display device; and

a fourth step of requesting said server to supply a screen of the address linked with the item of specifying information and/or the display object selected by said third step, obtaining the screen, and then causing said display device to display, on the basis of the screen, a screen for ordering a product corresponding to the selected item of specifying information and/or the display object from said server;

wherein after said fourth step, a procedure for ordering the product is carried out by accessing said server via the network.

Claim 32 (currently amended):   A machine-readable storage medium containing a group

of instructions ~~to cause said machine~~ for causing a computer of a client apparatus to perform a

method for a user to access a server on a network to order a ~~product~~ music piece data set from

the server, said client apparatus having a storage medium that is detachably attached and storing

therein a file usable by said client apparatus so that the client apparatus can receive, from the

server via said network, display information representative of a profile screen of a desired music

piece data file, list information for displaying a list of music piece data sets usably for a

particular music apparatus, and address information for retrieving from said server respective

profile screen display information for the music piece data sets usable for the particular music

apparatus, said method comprising:

    reading out the list information from said storage medium;

    displaying the list of music piece data sets usable in the particular music apparatus;

    receiving a selection of a desired one of the music piece data sets displayed;

    transmitting the address information corresponding to the selected desired music piece

data set;

    receiving from said server the profile screen display information corresponding to the

desired music piece data set; and

    displaying a profile screen corresponding to the desired music piece data set using the

received profile screen display information

    ~~a first step of reading out a predetermined file by means of a computer of the user without~~

~~accessing the network, said predetermined file including a plurality of items of specifying~~

~~information each specifying one of a limited plurality of products that are among all products~~

~~capable of being ordered from said server and a plurality of items of display information each~~

indicative of a display object that shows one of the limited plurality of products, each of the items of specifying information and display information being described in a link-enabling format, each of the items of specifying information and/or a visual presentation of the display object being linked with an address of a screen for ordering a corresponding product from said server;

a second step of causing items of the specifying information and/or the display objects to be displayed on a display device, on the basis of the predetermined file read out by said first step;

a third step of allowing a selection of the items of specifying information and/or the display objects displayed on said display device; and

a fourth step of requesting said server to supply a screen of the address linked with the item of specifying information and/or the display object selected by said third step, obtaining the screen, and then causing said display device to display, on the basis of the screen, a screen for ordering a product corresponding to the selected item of specifying information and/or the display object from said server,

wherein after said fourth step, a procedure for ordering the product is carried out by accessing said server via the network.

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Claim 33 (currently amended): ~~An~~ A client apparatus for a user to access a server on a network to order a ~~product~~ music piece data set from the server, said client apparatus comprising:

a storage medium storing therein a file usable by said client apparatus so that the client apparatus can receive, from the server via said network, display information representative of a profile screen of a desired music piece data file, list information for displaying a list of music piece data sets usably for a particular music apparatus, and address information for retrieving from said server respective profile screen display information for the music piece data sets usable for the particular music apparatus, ~~a predetermined file including a plurality of items of specifying information each specifying one of a limited plurality of products that are among all products capable of being ordered from said server and a plurality of items of display information each indicative of a display object that shows one of the limited plurality of products, each of the items of specifying information and display information being described in a link-enabling format, each of the items of specifying information and/or a visual presentation of the display object being linked with an address of a screen for ordering a corresponding product from said server~~;

a display device;

an operator unit; and

a processor device coupled with said storage medium, said display device and said operator unit, said processor device being adapted to:

read out the ~~predetermined file~~ list information from said storage medium;

displaying the list of music piece data sets usable in the particular music apparatus;

receiving a selection of a desired one of the music piece data sets displayed;

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transmitting the address information corresponding to the selected desired music piece data set;

receiving from said server the profile screen display information corresponding to the desired music piece data set; and

displaying a profile screen corresponding to the desired music piece data set using the received profile screen display information

~~cause items of the specifying information and/or the display objects to be displayed on said display device, on the basis of the read-out predetermined file;~~

~~allow a selection of the items of specifying information and/or the display objects displayed on said display device, in response to an operation of said operator unit;~~

~~request said server to supply a screen of the address linked with the selected item of specifying information and/or display object, obtain the screen, and then cause said display device to display, on the basis of the obtained screen, a screen for ordering a product corresponding to the selected item of specifying information and/or display object from said server; and~~

~~carry out, after the screen for ordering the product is displayed on said display device, a procedure for ordering the product by accessing said server via the network.~~

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Claim 34 (currently amended):   ~~A computer readable~~ An external storage medium removably attachable to, and readable by, a client apparatus, said external storage medium storing therein a file for use in a ~~product~~ music piece data order method in which a user proceeds from a ~~product-specifying~~ music-piece data-specifying screen to a procedure for ordering ~~the~~ a selected music piece data set ~~product~~ when the user desires to order the product by accessing a server on a network,

wherein a plurality of items of specifying information ~~each~~ specifying ~~one of a plurality of products~~ a music piece data sets and a plurality of items of display information ~~each~~ indicative of a related display ~~object~~ objects are ~~each~~ described in said file in a link-enabling format,

wherein each of the related display objects ~~have~~ has at least one of first and second display modes,

wherein each of the items of specifying information is allocated to at least one of the related display objects ~~which has one of said first and second display modes~~,

wherein each of the items of specifying information allocated to the related display object having said first display mode specifies a music piece data set ~~one of a limited plurality of products that are among all products~~ capable of being ordered by accessing said server,

wherein a visual presentation of the related display object having said first display mode is linked with an address of the ~~product-specifying~~ music-piece data-specifying screen that shows the ~~product~~ music piece data specified by the item of specifying information corresponding to the related display object,

a visual presentation of the related display object having said second display mode is linked with a particular directory in said external storage medium, and

the ~~product~~ <u>music piece data set</u> specified by the specifying information allocated <u>to</u> the related display object having said second display mode is recorded under the particular directory.

Claim 35 (new): An apparatus as claimed in claim 1 where the predetermined music-piece-data selling site is provided for each of said apparatus and handles music piece data that can be handled by said apparatus, and the emulation screen imitating the screen, described by said first display information, of the predetermined music-piece-data selling site is provided for each of said apparatus.

Claim 36 (new): A method as claimed in claim 4 wherein the predetermined music-piece-data selling site is provided for each apparatus of individual clients and handles music piece data that can be handled by said apparatus, and the emulation screen imitating the screen, described by said first display information, of the predetermined music-piece-data selling site is provided for each of said apparatus.

Claim 37 (new): A computer program as claimed in claim 6 wherein the predetermined music-piece-data selling site is provided for each of client apparatus and handles music piece data that can be handled by said apparatus, and the emulation screen imitating the screen, described by said first display information, of the predetermined music-piece-data selling site is provided for each of said client apparatus.

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Claim 38 (new): An external storage medium as claimed in claim 9 wherein the predetermined music-piece-data selling site is provided for each of said apparatus and handles music piece data that can be handled by said apparatus, and the emulation screen imitating the screen, described by said first display information, of the predetermined music-piece-data selling site is provided for each of said apparatus.

Claim 39 (new): An external storage medium as claimed in claim 12 wherein the predetermined music-piece-data selling site is provided for each of said apparatus and handles music piece data that can be handled by said apparatus, and the emulation screen imitating the screen, described by said first display information, of the predetermined music-piece-data selling site is provided for each of said apparatus.

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Claim 40 (new): A method for execution by a server on a network for supplying music piece data to a client terminal, said method comprising:

receiving, from said client terminal, first request information designating a desired music piece;

on the basis of said first request information received from said client terminal, transmitting, to said client terminal, display information for displaying the desired music piece in its entirety so that the entire desired music piece can be displayed on said client terminal on the basis of the display information;

receiving, from said client terminal, second request information designating at least a portion of the displayed music piece;

on the basis of said second request information received from said client terminal, creating partial music piece data that represent the desired music piece and correspond to the portion designated by said second request information; and

determining a selling price of the created partial music piece data.

Claim 41 (new): A method as claimed in claim 40 wherein the display information to be transmitted to said client terminal is information for displaying the desired music piece as a musical score.

Claim 42 (new): A method as claimed in claim 40 wherein said server includes a storage device for storing a complete music piece data set corresponding to the desired music piece.

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Claim 43 (new):   A method as claimed in claim 40, further comprising a step of transmitting the created partial music piece data to said client terminal.

Claim 44 (new):   A method for execution by a client apparatus on a network to receive music piece data via the network from a server, said method comprising:

transmitting, to said server, first request information designating a desired music piece;

receiving, from said server, display information for displaying the desired music piece in its entirety;

displaying the entire desired music piece on the basis of the display information;

designating a portion of the displayed music piece and transmitting, to said server apparatus, second request information indicating the designated portion; and

a step of inputting billing-related information and transmitting the billing-related information to said server apparatus to thereby effect purchase of the designated portion of the displayed music piece.

Claim 45 (new):   A method as claimed in claim 44, further comprising a step of receiving the partial music piece data from said server apparatus.

Claim 46 (new):   A method as claimed in claim 45 wherein the partial music piece data to be received from said server apparatus include musical score data indicative of a musical score and reproduction data for reproducing the music piece.

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Claim 47 (new):   A method as claimed in claim 44 wherein the predetermined billing-related information is at least one of a credit card number, an address to which an application form for remittance is to be sent, and user information for use of electronic money.

Claim 48 (new):   A storage medium as claimed in claim 26 which is an external storage medium removably attachable to said client apparatus.

Claim 49 (new):   A storage medium as claimed in claim 26 wherein the profile screen displays at least one of a name of a music piece, a name of an artist, a name of a composer, a name of a lyric writer, a price of a music piece data set, a type of the music piece data set, a genre of the music piece, lyrics and a performance time length.

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